

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Cancelled)
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10.(new) A gear wheel construction for belt conveyor devices, said gear construction including a multiplicity of teeth, each formed by a pair of adjoining contacting half teeth, comprising a first gear wheel portion, including a first plurality of first half teeth each, each first half tooth of which defines a first half tooth side, a second gear wheel portion including a second half teeth, each said second half tooth of which defines a second half tooth side, adjustable coupling means for rotatively coupling said first and second gear wheel portions, said adjustable coupling means comprising radially displaceable screw means engaging in corresponding threaded recesses formed in said first gear wheel portion and passing through enlarged recesses formed in said second gear wheel portion, said first half teeth defining first outer side tooth surfaces
AND ~~and~~ said second half teeth defining second outer tooth side surfaces, wherein, said first gear wheel portion is coupled

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to said second gear wheel portion by inserting said first gear wheel portion into said second gear portion thereby said first outer tooth side surfaces and second outer tooth side surfaces are brought to a mutually facing contacting relationship, thereby each first side of said first half teeth of said first plurality of said first teeth will contact a respective second side of said second half teeth of said second plurality of second half teeth to provide a single tooth of said gear wheel construction, and thereby said first and second gear wheel portions can be rotatively adjusted to move away said first and second outer tooth side surfaces.
